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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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SUBJECT: IV CANDIDATE JOSEPHINE OUISSOU (FEMALE)

1. EMBASSY NOMINATES FOR IV GRANT JOSEPHINE GUISSOU,  
VOLTAN CITIZEN, BORN 22 DECEMBER 1949.

2. EDUCATION INCLUDES: DIPLOME D'ETAT ASSISTANCE  
SOCIALE FROM INSTITUT DE SERVICE SOCIAL ET DE  
RECHERCHES SOCIALES (PARIS); LICENSE EN SOCIOLOGIE  
FROM THE SORBONNE (PARIS).

3. PRESENT OCCUPATION: EMPLOYEE OF SOCIETE  
AFRICAINNE D'ETUDES ET DE DEVELOPPEMENT, VOLTAN  
PRIVATE INSTITUTION WHICH CONDUCTS RESEARCH AND  
OTHER PROGRAMS ON CONTRACT. MISS GUISSOU'S WORK  
FOCUSES ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT, WOMEN'S AFFAIRS,  
AND SOCIOLOGY.

4. MISS GUISSOU IS ATTRACTIVE, CHARMING AND RELAXED  
WITH INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS. WELL-EDUCATED AND  
ARTICULATE, SHE SPEAKS EXCELLENT FRENCH AND FAIR  
ENGLISH, THEREBY MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR HER TO  
BE PROGRAMMED NOT ONLY AS OBSERVER BUT AS  
SPEAKER, PARTICIPANT IN SEMINARS AND DISCUSSIONS,  
AND AS MEDIA INTERVIEWEE (MISS GUISSOU AGREEABLE  
TO INTERVIEWS WITH BOTH PRIVATE AND USIA MEDIA).  
IN EVENT ANY GROUP MIGHT WANT HER AS SPEAKER,  
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EMBASSY REQUESTS ADVANCE NOTICE SO THAT HER

CONCURRENCE CAN BE CONFIRMED. SUBJECTS SHE HAS OFFERED ARE: (1) UPPER VOLTA (2) THE ROLE OF PRIVATE INITIATIVE IN UPPER VOLTA (3) THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN UPPER VOLTA. POSSIBLE SHE COULD OFFER OTHER SUBJECTS IF THEY WERE REQUESTED SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE.

5. WITH RESPECT TO PROGRAMMING, MISS GUISSOU HAS SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FOLLOWING:  
(1) TRAINING PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (2) CONTACT WITH ORGANIZATIONS ANALOGOUS TO HER OWN.  
VISITS TO HARLEM, CALIFORNIA, NEW MEXICO, SMALL TOWN IN KANSAS AND WASHINGTON, DC, INCLUDING WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS. SHE WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY MEET CONGRESSMEN AND STAFFERS.  
(4) MEETING NANCY BERDSHALL OF THE SMITHSONIAN AND EDITOR FRANCISKA HOSKEN. (5) VISITING FOUNDATIONS WHICH HAVE AIDED DEVELOPMENT PRIVATE SECTOR IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT SO FAR AS POSSIBLE VISITS TO VARIOUS AREAS INCLUDE OPPORTUNITIES VIEW AND DISCUSS WORK OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS LEAGUE WOMEN'S VOTERS, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS, AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES CHICANO AND NATIVE AMERICAN AREAS VISITED.DUMAS

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